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Lane Closure on Southbound I-55 at Illinois Route 171 (First Ave)

CHICAGO – The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) announced that emergency work to repair the damaged beam on the bridge carrying Illinois Route 171 (First Ave) over southbound I-55 will occur, weather permitting, on March 7.

In order to complete the work, the left lane on southbound I-55 between Harlem Avenue and 1st Avenue will be closed beginning at 9 p.m., with the left two lanes closing at 10 p.m. The Harlem Avenue entrance ramp to southbound I-55 will also be closed. All lanes will be open by noon on March 8. The posted detour for the Harlem entrance ramp will direct traffic south on Harlem Ave, to west on Archer Ave and back to SB I-55.

This work is part of the upcoming reconstruction of all bridges on the southbound Illinois Route 171 between 47th Street and Archer Avenue.

Motorists can expect delays and should allow extra time for trips through this area. Drivers are urged to pay close attention to flaggers and signs in the work zones, obey the posted speed limits and be on the alert for workers and equipment.

Find details on other construction projects in IDOT's District 1 at <http://goo.gl/upgvZu>. Updates on the impacts to traffic are available at www.travelmidwest.com.